

delightful as water: he is like a horse
 urged to a
 charge in. battle, and like flowing
 waters/ Who can
 arrest' him ?

4. He is the kind kinsman of the
 waters, like a
 brother to Ms sisters: he consumes the
 forest, as a
Raja (destroys) his enemies : when
 excited by the
 windj he traverses the woods, and
 shears the hairs
 of the earth.⁵

5. He breathes amidst the waters,
 like a sitting
 swan: awakened at the dawn, he
 restores₃ by his
 operations, consciousness *to* men : he
 is a creator,
 like SOUA :^c born from the waters,
 (where he
 lurked,) like an animal with coiled-up
 limbs, he
 .became enlarged; and Ms light (spread)
 afar.

^a The epithets are, In the text, 'attached to the
 objects of com-
 parison, although equally applicable to *Agni*: thus,
 he is *pitsJrfir*
na ranicd,—like grateful nourishment; "*k&Jiitir*
napritJiici,—like
 the vast earth; &c. Several of the comparisons
 admit of various
 interpretations; as the first may signify the
 increase of desired
 fruits or rewards, as the consequence of sacrifices
 with fire : in lib
 case does it import *tlifrugitt/i maturities* of Rosen.

^h The fruit, flowers, grasses, shrubs, and the like,
 termed, in the
 text, ' *rout a jpntltivvuh*.

^q *Somo nu veilJuih*; in like manner as *Soma* creates
 or causes
 useful plants to grow, so *Agm*- creates, or extracts

from them,
their nutritive faculty. The *Agni* here alluded to is
the fire of
digestion, the heat of the stomach: *Agn-ir ami Mo*
'nnapatih,—
i is the eater and sovereign of food; and, in the
Vujasancyi
It, we have *Etdcad va idam annam ejtau'drmddaS clia*
Soma
*Agnir anndd-ah,—*Inasmuch as there is food and
feeder,
so *Soma-* is the food, and the feeder is *Agni*.